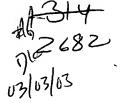


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Systems and methods for processing signals from an interferometer by

an ultrasound console

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I hereby certify, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.8, that I have reasonable basis to expect that that this paper or fee (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) would be mailed or transmitted on or before the date indicated with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on the date shown below in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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that is	(1) with	nin three months of the filing date of the application, which is not a continued	
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		However, if the undersigned is in error in this regard, Applicant respectfully	
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		applicable, and charge the fee due under 37 CFR §1.17(p) to the deposit	
		account referenced below.	
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		applicable, and a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e) is included below, thus	
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